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**APPLICANT'S RESPONSE  
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

**I     Introduction**

Applicant's Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action dated September 24, 2003. The Action provided Applicant with a shortened statutory period for Applicant's Response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, to December 24, 2003. Applicant has requested a one-month extension of time, from December 24, 2003, to January 24, 2004, for filing the Response. January 24, 2004, fell on a Saturday. Accordingly, Applicant's Response is timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7 as it has been filed on January 25, 2004, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a).

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